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Special points of interest:

- Water Department moves to new building at 70 Elm Street
- Visit us on Facebook https:// www.facebook.com/pages/Foxborough -MA/1544656282484319
- Visit us on Twitter @Foxborough_MA

A Message From Our Town Manager

Did anyone else wake up last week and say- "Hey what happened to the Summer?" Schools are open, Labor Day has come and gone and the Patriots get ready to raise another Super Bowl Banner! Wow, I guess Fall is really here.

It's been a very busy summer and there are lots of great things happening around Town. Roads have been improved, the Lake View Pavilion has reopened and the DPW has moved to its new Administrative Offices on Elm Street. The design plans for the new Town Hall are being finalized and will be out to bid in time for a February Town Meeting vote.

The Town has now become fully acclimated to social media with a new Facebook Page and a new Twitter Handle. Technology improvements to School and Town facilities are in full gear that will ultimately place us in a significantly better competitive position.

This Fall, the newly constituted Economic Development Committee will be meeting for the first time. This Committee aligned with the efforts of the new Strategic Planning Group and the Town Asset Review Committee will help jump start a new era of economic development strategies and initiatives. We are pleased to see some of the new development activity in Town

with a new hotel and redevelopment planned for the old Foxfield Plaza area and another new hotel and new restaurants under construction at Patriot Place.

This Fall should be an exciting time in Foxborough. Momentum is building for some great community oriented projects such as the new Flagpole Replacement Project planned for the Foxborough Common and the new Sharon Wason Pavilion planned for the Payson Road Recreational Area. We need and want your help and support as we continue to build on our reputation for being such a great place to work, play and live!

Welcome to Fall Everyone!

Kraft Group Gifts Town With Game Winning Photo

William Keegan brought the autographed picture of Malcom Butler's game winning interception during Super Bowl XLIX against the Seahawks given to the town by the Kraft Group to the September 8, 2015 Board of Selectmen meeting so the Board could vote to accept this gift.

The picture is meant to be

displayed in the new town hall but will be displayed at the Library until that time comes.

The Kraft Group stated that this picture represents teamwork and success.









With the discovery of our town's flagpole rotting away Jack Authelet, Town Historian jumped into action by coming before the Board of Selectmen with ideas on how to develop funding for the purchase of a new one.

Jack and Tina Belanger appeared at the Board of Selectmen's meeting on August 18th to share their ideas on raising funds and developing a group to spearhead this project.

Anyone wishing to be a part of this fundraising effort may contact Tina Belanger at:

tbelanger@earthlink.net

The groups goal is to raise \$50,000 for the purchase of the new flagpole and if all goes well and on time the flagpole ceremony will be

made part of the 2016 Founder's Day event.

Anyone wishing to make a donation can make their check payable to: The Town of Foxborough with "Common Flagpole Fund" written on the "Memo" line of the check. Checks can be mailed to:

Board of Selectmen's Office Foxborough Town Hall 40 South Street

Pauline Hadley-Long Time Board of Selectmen Stenographer Passes Away at the Age of 87



"Pauline had been the stenographer for the Board of Selectmen for 15 years" Pauline Hadley passed away on August 11, 2015 at the age of 87 from cancer.

Pauline was a long-time resident of Foxborough leaving behind five children, nine grandchildren and seven greatgrandchildren.

Pauline had been the stenographer for the Board of Selectmen for 15 years. The Board

was deeply saddened when they heard of her passing and held a moment of silence in memory of Pauline.

She had an upbeat, pleasant personality and when she would walk into the office with that twinkle in her eye and streak of pink hair, you knew she was going to make you laugh about something.

Pauline will be sadly missed by those of us who knew her and all the many Selectmen that she had worked with over the years.

Our condolences go out to her family.

Josephine Miller Turns 92



Josephine Miller & Bill Keegan

Josephine Miller (Aka Sgt. Josephine Miller, USMC, WWII) was recently recognized where she works one day a week, by town hall employees. The town manager and staff wished Foxborough's eldest employee a happy 92nd birthday, following her family celebration on August 24th. Josephine was speechless, but later remarked how touched she was by the kind-

ness, and especially loved the home baked cake by Patti Tisdale of the Health Department.

Josephine is active with the American Legion Post 93, is an appointed member of the Foxborough's Veterans' Services Advisory Committee and regularly attends meetings and events all over the Commonwealth, with the Massachu-

setts Women Veterans' Network.

During her service in WWII, she worked in Marine Head-quarters in Washington, DC, as an IBM Operator, processing orders for Marines entering the war. In town hall, she works as a Senior Tax Program secretary in the Veterans' Services Department.

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Frank Mortimer, Foxboro Reporter Retires

Frank Mortimer covered his last Board of Selectmen meeting on August 18, 2015 before retiring.

Frank had started his career working for the Sun Chronicle and Foxboro Reporter in 1987.

The Board presented Frank with a Certificate of Thanks and Appreciation. Jim DeVellis had stated that this certificate came from the Board's heart and as a town

they appreciated everything Frank has done over the many years for Foxborough.

Ginny Coppola thanked Frank for his integrity and hard work stating "Frank always asked questions to make sure that he got the stories right."

Bill Grieder, Foxborough Planning Board also came to the meeting to read a letter from the Planning Board in appreciation of what Frank has done for them over the years.

Frank not only covered all of the stories in town but also has been a long time resident of Foxborough.

His face will be missed at town hall, especially at the Board of Selectmen/Town Manager's office.

Happy Retirement Frank, it is well deserved and you will be missed.



Ginny Coppola, Jim DeVellis, Frank Mortimer & Chris Mitchell



Water Department Moves Into New Building

The Water Department officially moved into their new building during the week of August 24, 2015 located at:

70 Elm Street

Residents wishing to pay their water bills would still do that at the Town Hall at the Finance Department window.

The Water Department can

now be reached at:

(508) 543-1228

Barbara Kelley (Babs) and Donna Johnson (DJ) from the Highway Department are also located in the new building along with Roger Hill, DPW Director; Chris Gallagher, Town Engineer; and Ryan Norton, Engineering & Mapping Technician. Along with these changes, the Board of Health will now be located in the old Water Dept. room of the Town Hall (probably by the second/third week of September). Accounts Payable will be located in the old Board of Health Office.



"Residents wishing to pay their water bills would still do that at Town Hall"

Town Hall Interns Head Back to School

A grant received by the Planning Department enabled them to hire several interns for the summer to work on various projects.

Eric Stotsky has been working on the transportation study as well as the digital billboard survey.

Meghan McNully had worked

on the Foxborough Business Guide project.

Mackenzie Leahy (photo missing) worked on the Land Use Inventory in Foxborough Center.

While most of the interns were helping out in the Planning Department one (1) was hired to assist Mary Beth Bernard, Assistant Town Manager with various projects. Kayla Mosesso was a tremendous help to Mary Beth researching policies, creating spreadsheets, etc. Kayla will be returning to us during her school breaks to continue on with her work.







Booth Summer Camp-Summer is Officially Over



The Recreation Departments promise to send children home "tired, happy and dirty" was achieved once again this year! This summer we saw our biggest enrollment in the history of the program. Over 300 boys and girls ages 6-13 were entertained, enjoyed physical activities, participated in science projects, enjoyed field trips and enjoyed many wide and varied activities during the summer program. with a staff of 14 counselors, 6 lifeguards and six administrators, children were not only entertained but kept safe and the summer went on with barely a hiccup! Twice a week the children were bused to the Town for a day of swimming. Every Wednesday the children enjoyed a field trip to various locations such as Mystic Aquarium, South wick Zoo, a pirate cruise on Plymouth Harbor, roller skating and so many more. Every day was filled with games, sports, skate park use, arts and crafts and also free time to allow children to make choices of activities. Very much in demand was our snack bar which opened once a day and allowed children to but a soda, fruit or a cool popsicle. Every day ended in Circle Time under the Big Tree (our only tree!) where as a group we would sing, dance, tell stories and jokes - typically ending with our very own Booth Camp Song! There were special days that the children would forward too, silly hat day, yard sale day, water slide and water play day, pop up lemonade stands and the ever popular pet show day and talent show day. This is only a glimpse of things that went on at the Booth! Every Friday was free hotdog day which the kids and staff loved. We brought in performers, a jug-

gler, a Frisbee dog show, a Museum of Science show, a DJ for musical Bingo and our annual luau day, which always includes a watermelon hunt! We even have an ice cream sundae party day that the kids love and again, so do the counselors! We also talk and teach about giving back. The counselors participated in the ALS as we discussed the disease and the need to raise funds, and for something closer to home we have penny wars. The children from each group are challenged to do extra work at home, bring in some of their own change, perhaps not buy a snack so that we could raise money for kids who might not be able to buy new items to go back to school. The kids get it! We are proud to report that the children, with the help of a few generous adult raised just over \$500.00, in ONE WEEK! That is truly amazing and indicative of the true hearts of children! We do all of this and so much more in 40 days - only 2 of which were spent inside due to rain. Of course none of this would not be possible if it were not for the parents who entrust us with their most treasured possession, their children! The Board of Recreation recognizes this and are truly humbled by the citizens of our community who have embraced Recreation and put their faith

Nor would any of this be possible to run as the well-oiled machine that we are were it not for the staff. Rachel Calabrese and Christine St. Pierre do double duty during the summer as not only do they have their coordinator job to do,

but they also have to pitch in with the running of Booth Camp - they are truly jugglers and great at multi-tasking and the machine would not run as well without them! New this year, hired to help with the camp work and aid the counselors were Jen Ryan and Janet Pacetti who proved themselves invaluable and kept us moving ahead. The return of head counselor Danielle Ryan was a once again a huge asset as she is very well known by the parent s and children and lends an air of calmness to what we sometimes find ourselves in, controlled chaos! Mary Smith, CPO, and her lifeguards kept the pool perfect, it never closed this year except for weather. Mary actually starts working on the pool in May so that it looks and feels as beautiful and welcoming as it does! The Foxboro Recreation Program runs for 8 weeks, 5 days a week from 9-3 with before and after care available.

It's sad when the program is over, but we will be back next year, always better and with new ideas to keep the children of Foxboro and their parents happy. The hands of parent s we held on the first day their child attended is promising to return and new ones will come along as well. After all, we do keep our promise, "tired, dirty and happy!"

Submitted by Deb Giardino

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Memories of Summer at Booth Summer Camp



Thank You For A Fun Summer Deb...See You Next Year!!!



Lemonade Anyone–It Comes Highly Recommended



This Is What Happens...



Cute Hats





When They Aren't Given Their Ice-Cream



Future Artists



Yes-That's A Real Chicken...Who Said Pet Shows Are Just For Dogs & Cats.

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		SEPTEMBER 2015				
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5 Car Wash 8:30-12:00
6	7	8	9 Jaycees General Mem- bership Mtg. 7:30pm	10	11 9/11 Ceremony 9:30- 10:00 Fireman's Ball	12 Car Wash 7:30-12:00 McGinty Family Fun Day
13	14	15	16 Pub. Presentation Med. Marijuana Disp.	17	18 POW/MIA 24 Hr. Vigil 4:00pm	19 Can Drive 8:00-3:00
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 Car Wash 9:00-12:00
27	28	29	30			



Schedule of Events

- 9/5/15 Car Wash Town Hall Parking Lot 8:30-12:00
- 9/9/15 Jaycees General Membership Mtg. 7:30pm
- 9/11/15 9/11 Ceremony Public Safety Bldg. 9:30-10:00
- 9/11/15 Fireman's Ball
- 9/12/15 Car Wash Town Hall Parking Lot 7:30-12:00
- 9/12/15 McGinty Family Fun Day Town Common 11:00-3:30
- 9/16/15 Pub. Present. Marij. Disp. Library-Community Conf. Rm. 7:00pm
- 9/18/15 POW/MIA 24 Hr. Vigil
- 9/19/15 Can Drive Town Hall Parking Lot 8:00-3:00
- 9/26/15 Car Wash 9:00-12:00

Why Are There So Many Water Main Breaks?

Why are there so many main breaks?

Pipe age and type are some of the factors. The Town of Foxborough has numerous miles of very old cast iron and cement-asbestos pipe. These pipes can be extremely fragile and are susceptible to breakage from movement of the earth, either from frost or settling.

There is a need to replace or reline many, many miles of water main. The Town is aware of this need; however, replacement costs are approximately \$1,000,000 per mile of pipe. For the pipes that can

be cleaned and relined, the cost is less, but is still considerable. We are currently working on a long-term asset management plan, which will address these repairs over the course of many years.

We strive to repair and up-

We strive to repair and upgrade the system as much as possible, but within our manpower and financial constraints. As much as we would like to be able to predict when or where the next break may take place, pipe breaks occur randomly and therefore it is not possible to notify the public before a

We do sympathize with our customers, and apologize for

break occurs.

the inconvenience that these breaks have caused. The citizens of Foxborough have proven to be enormously patient, and please be assured that the Town is highly motivated to get the system up-todate as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Bill Keegan, Town Manager Roger Hill, Director of Public Works

Bob Worthley, Water Superintendent







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The Town of Foxborough was legally incorporated on June 10, 1778 and is known by its residents as "the Gem of Norfolk County".

Office hours are:

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday: 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday: 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. & 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Friday: 8:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.



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MERCURY COLLECTION CENTER

Items containing mercury can be brought to the Highway Dept. on Monday (Holidays excluded) from 7:30 am to 3:45 pm.

Items must be checked in by Highway Personnel (go to office). Examples of mercury bearing items include:

- ☐ fluorescent light bulbs
- □ switches
- □ thermometers
- □ manometers
- □ gauges
- ☐ thermostats

Large quantities of mercury are subject to inspection before they can be considered for disposal, at the discretion of a Highway Dept. Supervisor or the Superintendent.